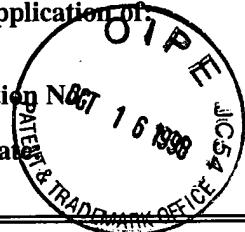


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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed May 4, 1998, please amend the above-titled application as follows:

In The Specification:

At page 1, line 2, please insert the following:

Cross Reference to Related Applications:

This application is a National Stage Application based on PCT/US95/06228 filed May 18, 1995 claiming priority of U.S. Application No. 08/246,320 filed May 19, 1994, now abandoned. This application is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 08/246,320, now abandoned. All of the applications referred to in this paragraph are incorporated herein by reference. --

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is in furtherance of the Amendment filed August 31, 1998 in response to the Official Action Mailed May 4, 1998.

CONCLUSION

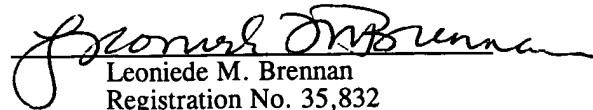
Claims 21-27 remain and are believed to be patentable as to Applicants. Early notice to that effect is urgently solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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